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ASX Announcement

First high-grade ore delivered to ROM pad as Kayelekera progresses to Q1 CY2026 steady-state production

Lotus Resources Limited (ASX: LOT, OTCQX: LTSRF) (Lotus or the Company) provides an update on the operations at its Kayelekera Uranium Mine in Malawi as it continues to ramp up production to anticipated steady state production during Q1 CY2026.

KEY POINTS

- First high-grade ore delivered from Kayelekera's mining pit to the ROM pad following blasting activities commencing last month
- Steady state production level remains targeted for Q1 CY2026
- 50- 65% of nameplate throughput level targeted for January 2026
- Sulphuric acid supply contracts now in place with three parties, and necessary transport permits renewed / in place to alleviate acid supply constraints
- Kayelekera's acid plant remains on track to commence operating in Q1 CY2026, which is expected to mitigate acid supply constraints and deliver processing cost savings
- Lotus maintains a strong balance sheet with A\$73.9M cash as at 30 November 2025¹



Figure 1: Acid plant construction nearing completion

¹ Exchange rate assumption of 0.6556 AUD:USD. Figure excludes restricted cash. Includes US\$2.5M debt drawn.

Lotus Managing Director Greg Bittar commented: *“We continue to progress towards steady-state production at Kayelekera in Q1 CY2026, with the first high-grade ore delivered to the ROM pad. We have put in place plans to address the acid supply constraints, noted earlier this month, by adding to our supplier base and hence we now have greater diversity of both suppliers and countries of origin for sulphuric acid.*

With the volume of acid on site and delivery momentum expected to improve through January, production has now restarted. In anticipation of commissioning the acid plant, the first delivery of sulphur is expected to arrive on site shortly.”

FIRST ORE TO RUN-OF-MINE (ROM) PAD DELIVERED

On 24 November 2025, Lotus announced the first mining blast at the Kayelekera open pit mine, representing another key milestone. Subsequent blasts have been undertaken, with substantial waste volume movements from both blast and free dig.

Lotus now has all required mining equipment on site and pit access ramps have been completed to provide access to the first two mining area stages.

Lotus’ mining team has now delivered the first high-grade ore from the mining pit to the ROM pad.



Figure 2: First high-grade ore delivered to the ROM pad

ACID SUPPLY IMPROVED AHEAD OF ACID PLANT RESTART

The Company has put plans in place to address the sulphuric acid supply issues noted in its 4 December 2025 announcement by increasing the number of suppliers and volumes contracted, and additional supplies are now being sourced out of South Africa, in addition to Zambia. The Company now has three suppliers with the necessary permits in place to import sulphuric acid and is working closely with these suppliers to increase and improve the delivery reliability of acid volumes.

In addition to these measures, Lotus’ acid plant rebuild project will address these acid supply constraints. The acid plant rebuild remains on schedule, with commissioning and production expected to commence in Q1 CY2026, with an initial inventory of sulphur on its way to site.

PRODUCTION

Kayelekera production has now resumed its ramp up. As acid supplies ramp up and volumes start arriving on site, the Company continues to undertake plant works, repairs and improvements, to ensure the long-term reliability and performance of the Kayelekera processing plant. These two factors, acid supply and plant works, will limit production for the month of January 2026, with Lotus targeting mill throughput of 100-130 tonnes per hour (50-65% of nameplate throughput level), with a significant step up planned for February.

Lotus maintains a strong balance sheet with A\$73.9M in cash as at 30 November 2025².

This ASX announcement was approved and authorised by the Managing Director of Lotus Resources Limited.

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ABOUT LOTUS

Lotus is a leading Africa-focused uranium producer with significant scale and Mineral Resources. Lotus owns an 85% interest in the Kayelekera Uranium Mine in Malawi, and 100% of the Letlhakane Uranium Project in Botswana.

Lotus restarted production at Kayelekera in August 2025, on time and on budget. The Kayelekera Mine hosts current Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves as set out in the tables below and historically produced ~11Mlb of uranium between 2009 and 2014. The Letlhakane Project hosts a current Mineral Resource also as set out in the table below.

LOTUS MINERAL RESOURCE INVENTORY – DECEMBER 2024^{3,4,5,6,7}

Project	Category	Mt	Grade	U ₃ O ₈	U ₃ O ₈
			(U ₃ O ₈ ppm)	(M kg)	(M lbs)
Kayelekera	Measured	0.9	830	0.7	1.6
Kayelekera	Measured – RoM Stockpile ⁸	1.6	760	1.2	2.6
Kayelekera	Indicated	29.3	510	15.1	33.2
Kayelekera	Inferred	8.3	410	3.4	7.4
Kayelekera	Total	40.1	510	20.4	44.8
Kayelekera	Inferred – LG Stockpiles ⁹	2.4	290	0.7	1.5
Kayelekera	Total – Kayelekera	42.5	500	21.1	46.3
Letlhakane	Indicated	71.6	360	25.9	56.8
Letlhakane	Inferred	70.6	366	25.9	56.9
Letlhakane	Total – Letlhakane	142.2	363	51.8	113.7
Livingstonia	Inferred	6.9	320	2.2	4.8
Livingstonia	Total – Livingstonia	6.9	320	2.2	4.8
Total	All Uranium Mineral Resources	191.6	392	75.1	164.8

LOTUS ORE RESERVE INVENTORY – JULY 2022¹⁰

Project	Category	Mt	Grade	U ₃ O ₈	U ₃ O ₈
			(U ₃ O ₈ ppm)	(M kg)	(M lbs)
Kayelekera	Open Pit - Proved	0.6	902	0.5	1.2
Kayelekera	Open Pit - Probable	13.7	637	8.7	19.2
Kayelekera	RoM Stockpile – Proved	1.6	760	1.2	2.6
Kayelekera	Total	15.9	660	10.4	23.0

³ See ASX announcement dated 15 February 2022 entitled "Kayelekera mineral resource increases by 23%" for information on the Kayelekera Mineral Resource Estimate. The competent person for that announcement was David Princep.

⁴ The Kayelekera Mineral Resource Estimate is inclusive of the Kayelekera Ore Reserves.

⁵ See ASX announcement dated 9 June 2022 entitled "Uranium Resource Increases to 51.1Mlbs" for information on the Livingstonia Mineral Resource Estimate. The competent person for that announcement was David Princep.

⁶ See ASX Announcement dated 6 December 2024 for information on the Letlhakane Mineral Resource Estimate.

⁷ Lotus confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the respective Mineral Resource announcements of 15 February 2022, 6 June 2022 and 6 December 2024 and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Mineral Resource Estimates in those announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed. Lotus confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Persons' findings are presented have not been materially modified from those market announcements.

⁸ RoM stockpile has been mined and is located near mill facility.

⁹ Low-grade stockpiles have been mined and placed on the medium-grade stockpile and are considered potentially feasible for blending or beneficiation, with initial studies to assess this optionality already completed.

¹⁰ Ore Reserves are reported based on a dry basis. Proved Ore Reserves are inclusive of RoM stockpiles and are based on a 200ppm cut-off grade for arkose and a 390ppm cut-off grade for mudstone. Ore Reserves are based on a 100% ownership basis of which Lotus has an 85% interest. Except for information in the Accelerated Restart Plan announced on the ASX on 8 October 2024, Lotus confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the announcement of 11 August 2022 and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Ore Reserve Estimate in that announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. Lotus confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the 11 August 2022 announcement.